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the configuration of the queues is
selectively changeable; and

the program guide data is distributed
from the queues to the receivers using the local systems.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1, 14, and 31 have been amended. Claims 2-13, 15-30, and 32-47 are also in the case. Reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

II. Telephone Interview

The Examiner and applicants' representative (Joo-Youn Park) conducted a telephone interview on February 16, 2000. Details of the interview will appear in the discussion below where appropriate. Applicants' representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview.

III. The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-28, 31-44, and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roop et al. (U.S. Patent 5,619,274), in view of Pinder et al. (U.S. Patent 5,742,677) and Aristides et al. (U.S. Patent 5,630,119).

In accordance with the Examiner's comments in the February 16, 2000 telephone interview with applicants' representative, claims 1, 14, and 31 have been amended to clarify the location of where the queues are formed, thereby further patentably distinguishing the claimed invention over the cited references.

The Examiner indicated during the telephone interview that this amendment would require an update of the search results for this application. As a consequence, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for claims 1, 14, and 31 have been rendered moot, pending the results of the Examiner's search. Similarly, the rejections of claims 2-13, 15-26, and 32-43 have also been rendered moot as a result of their dependence from claims 1, 14, and 31, respectively.

As for claims 27, 28, and 44, the Examiner indicated during the telephone interview that the subject-matter of these claims would also need to be searched, thereby obviating their rejection.

Lastly, the Examiner indicated during the telephone interview that the rejection of claim 47 (which is the method counterpart of allowed claim 46) will be withdrawn in the next Office action.

IV. Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that the rejections of claims 1-28 and 31-44 have been obviated, pending new search results. The rejection of claim 47 will be withdrawn by the Examiner in the next Office action. Claims 29, 30, 45, and 46 have been allowed. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

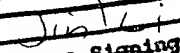
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